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The Brand Name Material List

Application for Registration of Materials Approved for Use in Organic Food Production and Handling

What is the Brand Name Material List?

Enclosed is an application for the registration of brand name materials allowed for use in organic food production and handling with the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) Organic Food Program. The Organic Food Program has created a list of brand name materials that may be used in organic food production and handling. This list, the Brand Name Materials List (BNML) is posted on the WSDA website and mailed to all certified organic producers, processors, and handlers certified by the WSDA. Updates are published every three months in the Quarterly Report. The BNML and all quarterly updates can also be accessed on the WSDA website: <http://agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/Organic/default.htm>.

The BNML assists organic producers, processors and handlers in determining materials approved for use in organic production, processing and handling. Growers are encouraged to consult the list prior to the use of a brand name material to verify that it is approved for use. The list is not a recommendation, nor does it imply any guarantee of products which appear on this list.

How much will it cost to register my material? Application Fees (WAC 16-160-070)

1. Pesticides, spray adjuvants, processing aids, post harvest materials.

- ***Renewal Applicants***
Fees are \$200 per material.
NOTE: A \$30 late fee must accompany renewal applications postmarked after October 31st.
- ***New Applicants***
Fees are \$300 per material.

2. Fertilizers, soil amendments, crop production aid or livestock production aids.

- ***Renewal Applicants***
Fees are \$100 per material.
NOTE: A \$30 late fee must accompany renewal applications postmarked after October 31st.
- ***New Applicants***
Fees are \$200 per material.

Definitions (National Organic Standard 205.2)

Synthetic –A substance that is formulated or manufactured by a chemical process or by a process that chemically changes a substance extracted from naturally occurring plant, animal, or mineral sources, except that such term shall not apply to substances created by naturally occurring biological processes

Nonsynthetic (natural) – A substance that is derived from mineral, plant or animal matter and does not undergo a synthetic process as defined in section 6502(21) of the Act (7 U.S.C. 6502(21)). For the purposes of this part, nonsynthetic is used as a synonym for natural as the term is used in the Act.

Allowed Synthetic – A substance that is included on the National List of synthetic substances allowed for use in organic production or handling (please refer to the enclosed National List sections 205.601, 205.603 and 205.605(b)).

Nonagricultural Substance – A substance that is not a product of agriculture, such as a mineral or a bacterial culture, that is used as an ingredient in an agricultural product. For the purposes of this part, a nonagricultural ingredient also includes an substance, such as gums, citric acid or pectin, that is extracted from, isolated from or a fraction of an agricultural product so that the identity of the agricultural product is unrecognizable in the extract, isolate or fraction.

Excluded methods - A variety of methods used to genetically modify organisms or influence their growth and development by means that are not possible under natural conditions or processes and are not considered compatible with organic production. Such methods include cell fusion, microencapsulation and macroencapsulation, and recombinant DNA technology (including gene deletion, gene doubling, introducing a foreign gene, and changing the positions of genes when achieved by recombinant DNA technology). Such methods do not include the use of traditional breeding, conjugation, fermentation, hybridization, in vitro fertilization, or tissue culture.

How is the Brand Name Material List organized?

- **Crop Production**

Organic farming is based on the use of approved materials for building soil fertility and managing insects, weeds and diseases. All nonsynthetic substances are allowed unless specifically prohibited under National Organic Standard (NOS) §205.602. Conversely, all synthetic substances are prohibited unless specifically allowed under §205.601. All materials used in organic crop production are evaluated based on this criteria, please refer to the enclosed copy of the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances for details.

Categories of crop production materials include: Fertilizer & Soil Amendment, Disease & Pest Control and Crop Production Aid.

- **Post Harvest Materials**

Post harvest materials must meet organic standards under §205.601 and §205.602 in order to be approved for organic production. They can include, but are not limited to, floating agents, ethylene removal products and sanitizers. The WSDA registers several materials for post harvest use.

- **Livestock Production**

Materials allowed and prohibited for use in organic livestock production can be found on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances in sections 205.603 and 205.604. These include feed additives, vaccines and biologics, medications and other production aids used in an organic livestock system. Nonsynthetic substances are approved for use in organic livestock systems, such as herbal remedies or naturally derived enzymes. All synthetic medications are prohibited, unless specifically allowed under §205.603.

- **Processing Aids**

A processing aid is any substance used during processing that does not become an ingredient or is present at insignificant levels in the finished food product. Examples of processing aids include defoamers, enzymes or substances used as filters. In order to be an approved substance for use in organic food products, each non-agricultural ingredient must appear on the National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances listed in §205.605. This list includes both natural and synthetic substances that are allowed as processing aids.